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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: PARAGUAYAN IMPORT SYSTEM

REF: STATE 048701

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1. YOUR INFORMATION ON HAND IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT. FOLLOWING OUTLINE CONTAINS MINOR REVISIONS. VALUE OF 120 PERCENT FOB VALUE IS USED TO APPROXIMATE CIF VALUE, THEN DUTY IS APPLIED. THE TARRIF RATE INCLUDES 3 OR 4 SPECIAL TAXES. ADDITIONAL CHARGES INCLUDE: A) EXCHANGE SURCHARGE OF 36 PERCENT, COMPRISED OF 9 TAXES AND CHARGES; B) CONSULAR FEE, 5 PERCENT; C) SALES TAX, 5 TO 10 PERCENT; D) MISCELLANEOUS STAMP TAXES, SEVEN TAXES TOTALLING 5 PERCENT.

2. THE ABOVE CAN BE USED TO PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE INDICATION OF THE IMPORT DUTIES AND TAXES APPLICABLE TO A PARTICULAR PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION THERE ARE WAREHOUSE, PUBLICATION, STATISTICAL, PORT AND DOCK CHARGES, WHICH ARE GENERALLY COLLECTED WHETHER OR NOT THE SERVICE OR FACILITY HAS BEEN UTILIZED. COMMODITY AND END USER TAXES MAY ALSO BE APPLIED. THE  
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JUNE 1972 DECREE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL IS STILL

IN EFFECT. PETROLEUM AND WHEAT ARE EXEMPTED FROM  
MOST CHARGES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. THE PROBLEM WITH USING THIS INFORMATION AS A  
GUIDE FOR EXPORTERS IS THAT THE VARIOUS DUTIES,  
TAXES, AND CHARGES ARE NOT APPLIED IN A UNIFORM OR  
CONSISTENT MANNER, THUS, WHILE THESE CHARGES ARE USUALLY  
APPLIED, THE THEORETICAL TOTAL OF IMPORT COSTS MAY  
HAVE LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SHIPMENT.  
OFTEN, WHO THE IMPORTER IS OR HAS BEFRIENDED CAN BE  
THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN WHAT CHARGES ARE LEVIED. IN  
ADDITION, THE GENERAL LEVEL OF COMPETENCE IN THE CUSTOMS  
BUREAURACRACY IS SUCH THAT DUTIES AND CHARGES TEND  
SOMETIMES TO BE MISAPPLIED, MISCALCULATED, OR OVER-  
LOOKED. AS A VERY GENERAL RULE WE CALCULATE THAT  
THE TOTAL CHARGES FOR IMPORTING GOODS FROM THE U.S.  
AND OTHER NON-LAFTA COUNTRIES IS 100 PERCENT OF FOB  
VALUE, AND AN AVERAGE OF 30 PERCENT FROM LAFTA  
MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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